

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Applicant: Laurent Schaller

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-26 and 31-55 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-26 and 31-55 are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes all the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any ay expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to contact either Katrina Witschen at Telephone No. (763) 505-8418 or Timothy A. Czaja at Telephone No. (612) 573-2004.

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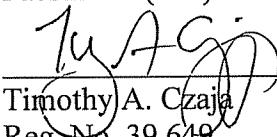
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